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Dear Mr. Gray:

You may think it presumptuous in me to offer to "give you points" on Darwin, but I am going to try. I have consigned to the tender mercies of the express a photograph of your great friend taken in 1860 - or, rather, an enlarged copy of a now faded print made in that year. It is, so far as I can ascertain, unique in

showing Mr. Darwin without his
beard — a condition in which it
is my fervent hope you may
never have seen him, in order
that you may the more appre-
ciate my little gift.

Since this enlargement was
made, the negative of the origi-
nal portrait has happily
been discovered, — a fresh print
from that is now in the hands
of the Harpers, who will
engrave it in first-rate style
for their magazine. Meantime,
may this photograph, hanging

among your "Science Clothing," remind you occasionally
of your much indebted always admiring pupil.

You will be pleased to learn that my school
boy takes his preliminary examinations for Harvard
next June. He is rather an enthusiastic student
of natural history, but I fear it will take another generation
of you to turn a Garrison into a socialist.

Most truly Yours,

W. F. Garrison